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SUBJECT: CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR'S CALL ON UNDER SECRETARY
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1. CYPRIOT AMBASSADOR DIMITRIOU CALLED ON UNDER SECRETARY
HABIB TUESDAY AUGUST 10, AT AMBASSADOR'S REQUEST. READING
FROM INSTRUCTIONS, DIMITRIOU PRESENTED CURRENT GOC
POSITION ON RESUMPTION OF TALKS. HE ALSO MADE STRONG
PITCH FOR US STATEMENT CONDEMNING DENKTASH THREATS OF
UNILATERAL DECLARATION OF INDEPENDENCE (UDI), DELIVERED
UPDATED COMPLAINT ON EXPULSIONS AND HUMANITARIAN ISSUES IN
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GENERAL, AND ASKED FOR US PARTICIPATION IN PLANNED 1977

CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR.

2. READING FROM NOTES, DIMITRIOU STRONGLY UNDERLINED GOC'S REPEATED DESIRE TO "ACHIEVE THE IMPLEMENTATION OF MEANINGFUL, CONSTRUCTIVE TALKS," AND SAID THE GOC "EMPHASIZES THE NEED FOR ALL PARTIES TO ADHERE TO ALL PREVIOUS AGREEMENTS." HE EXPRESSED GOC HOPE THAT "ALL OUR FRIENDS WILL SUPPORT US IN THIS EFFORT TO SEE THE NEGOTIATIONS RESUMED ON A MEANINGFUL BASIS." HABIB REVIEWED RECENT DEVELOPMENTS, SAID THAT WHILE WE STRONGLY FAVORED AN EARLY RETURN TO HIGH-LEVEL INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS, GIVEN THE

CURRENT SITUATION WE FELT THERE COULD BE REAL VALUE IN WORKING-LEVEL DISCUSSIONS IN NICOSIA, WHICH WOULD NOT NEED TO PREJUDGE OUTCOME OF OTHER, MORE POLITICAL ISSUES. HE SAID WE SUPPORTED WALDHEIM SUGGESTION AND HOPED THESE TALKS COULD BEGIN IN AUGUST.

3. DIMITRIOU RESPONDED WITH FAMILIAR LINE RE TURKISH INTRANSIGENCE AND DISTORTION OF FACTS. WHILE HE AGREED WITH NEED TO "KEEP BALL ROLLING," HE SAW DIFFICULTIES AS LONG AS TURKISH EXPULSIONS AND OTHER INHUMANE ACTS CONTINUE. AS LATEST EXAMPLE, AMBASSADOR READ FROM "REUTERS" DISPATCH -- WHICH LATER TURNED OUT TO BE CYPRUS NEWS AGENCY (CNA) PRESS RELEASE -- CITING EXPULSION OF 54 GREEK CYPRIOTS FROM KARPASS REGION. HE ALSO SAID WHOLE ISSUE WAS TIED UP WITH DENKTASH'S UDI THREATS, ASKED THAT US CONSIDER REPEATING OUR FORMER STATEMENTS CONDEMNING UDI. HABIB REPLIED THAT WE HAD ALWAYS OPPOSED THE IDEA OF UDI, SINCE THE IMPORTANT ELEMENT WAS TO BRING THE TWO PARTIES TOGETHER, A MAIN THEME OF THE PRESIDENT'S LATEST REPORT TO CONGRESS.

4. IN RAISING QUESTION OF POSSIBLE US PARTICIPATION IN 2ND CYPRUS INTERNATIONAL FAIR, DIMITRIOU EMPHASIZED IMPORTANCE OF US PRESENCE AT FAIR "AT THIS CRITICAL STAGE IN OUR DEVELOPMENT," (REFERRING TO HEAVY EAST EUROPEAN PARTICIPATION IN LAST YEAR'S FAIR), ALTHOUGH HE IMPLIED US PARTICIPATION WOULD HAVE LITTLE COMMERCIAL IMPACT SINCE "WE ALREADY KNOW WHAT YOU HAVE TO SELL." LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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HABIB EXPLAINED CURRENT US FOCUS ON PURELY COMMERCIAL ASPECT, LACK OF ANY BUDGET FOR "SHOW FLAG" PARTICIPATIONS, KISSINGER

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